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STRIPPING NUCLEIC ACIDS

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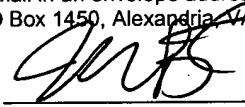
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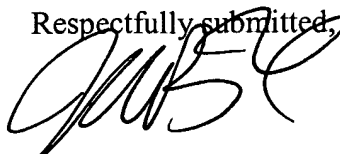
Sir:

On July 8, 2004, Applicant's representative Mark B. Wilson conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Devesh Khare. During this telephone interview, Examiner Khare stated that copies of IDS references were missing from the PTO files to which he had access. Mr. Wilson agreed to forward such copies from his files to Examiner Khare by fax. Accordingly, copies of the IDS references that Examiner Khare indicated he did not have, along with copies of previously filed IDS's and related Forms 1449, were forwarded to Examiner Khare on July 8, 2004.

Examiner Khare is thanked for his kind consideration in this regard.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3035 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MBW', written over the words 'Respectfully submitted,'.

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